



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
David John Zanzig, et al.  
For: TIRE WITH TREAD OF CIS 1,4-  
POLYBUTADIENE RICH RUBBER  
COMPOSITION WHICH CONTAINS A  
FUNCTIONAL STYRENE/BUTADIENE  
ELASTOMER, SILICA AND COUPLING  
AGENT  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated January 19, 2005, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.